

ALDEN HOUSE

## John Alden House Museum Offers New Tour Program



Megan Shores, Alden House docent, gives a tour.

For years the John Alden Museum, located at 105 Alden St., has offered the same tour. This year, however, the Alden Kindred began a new training program for its docents. The training focused on the basic skills needed to interpret the John Alden House. The docents were taught how to incorporate facts, fiction, fantasy, and truth into a presentation, while still adhering to a theme. They discovered how to present themselves in a friendly, accommodating way to any visitor who may stop by. The training also illustrated how to give better tours to the physically challenged, and how to have flexibility within a tour. They learned how to handle emergencies, discipline, and crowd flow. After many hours of hard work and research, the new tours are ready to present. The John Alden House invites everyone to visit the museum, even if you have seen the House before, it will seem like your first time.

Since early May each docent has been working to make her tour more entertaining and educational for the public. On July 9, the Alden House docents began presenting their personalized tour of the museum. Each

time a visitor walks through the door he will be treated to a new tour. During one visit, a guest may hear how the roles of women have affected American history in the years since Priscilla Mullins. Another visit will illustrate the change in tools, or which social issues were important in the 1600s still viewed as important today.

Admission to the John Alden Museum is \$2.50 per adult and \$1 for children under 12. The museum is open from 10 to 5, Tuesday thru Sunday, June 25 to Labor Day. The house will open on weekends from Labor Day through Oct. 15. Due to staircases and narrow doorways the house is not handicap accessible. For more information, call 934-9092.

To get to the John Alden House from Rt.3, get off Exit 10, and head east on Rt.3A. Follow to Alden St. and take a right, the museum will be a 1/4 mile down on the right.